

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

~~Claim 1 (original): A light wavelength converting module comprising:~~

a semiconductor laser from which a fundamental wave exits;

a light wavelength converting element which is optically coupled to the semiconductor laser, and which converts a wavelength of the fundamental wave which has entered from the semiconductor laser;

a wavelength plate disposed at a light exiting side of the light wavelength converting element; and

a removing portion, disposed between the wavelength plate and the light wavelength converting element, for removing the fundamental wave from light incident on the removing portion.

Claim 2 (original): A light wavelength converting module according to claim 1, wherein the removing portion is an IR cutting filter.

Claim 3 (original): A light wavelength converting module according to claim 1, wherein the light wavelength converting element is directly joined to the semiconductor laser.

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Claim 4 (original): A light wavelength converting module according to claim 1, wherein the wavelength plate is one of a half-wave plate and a quarter-wave plate, with respect to a wave whose wavelength is converted.

Claim 5 (currently amended) A light wavelength converting module according to claim 1, wherein the wavelength plate is disposed substantially orthogonal to an optical axis of light incident on the wavelength plate.

Claim 6 (original): A light wavelength converting module according to claim 1, wherein a beam splitter is provided at a light exiting side of the wavelength plate.

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Claim 7 (currently amended): A light wavelength converting module according to claim 1, wherein a beam splitter and a photodiode are disposed at a light exiting side of the wavelength plate, and the beam splitter and the photodiode are shielded from scattered light.

Claim 8 (original): A light wavelength converting module according to claim 1, wherein a light attenuating portion, which attenuates light passing therethrough, is provided at a light exiting side of the light wavelength converting element.

Claim 9 (original): A light wavelength converting module according to claim 6, wherein a light attenuating portion, which attenuates light passing therethrough, is provided at a light

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exiting side of the wavelength converting element and at a light entering side of the beam splitter.

Claim 10 (original): A light wavelength converting module according to claim 7,
wherein a light attenuating portion, which attenuates light passing therethrough, is provided at a
light exiting side of the wavelength converting element and at a light entering side of the beam
splitter.
